

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this to urge you to oppose SB443.

As a certified supervisory pesticide applicator, I am trained and licensed on how to safely and properly apply pesticides, synthetic or organic. I am trained to read labels, use proper rates, and follow re-entry guidelines.

In my role as a Certified Golf Course Superintendent, and as a manager of a Certified Cooperative Audubon Sanctuary, it is up to me to choose the safest product registered by the EPA, to control any pests I deem harmful enough to warrant synthetic control of. It is also up to me to consider organic pesticides or other non-treatment control of pests if they are viable economically and produce similar control of the pest.

Being the Manager of Parks Maintenance, I need to provide the best quality and safest field conditions for all of our residents and non-residents that use the various facilities throughout the Town. I should have as many options as possible to achieve these results; if the best option to provide the highest quality turf and safest playing conditions is a pesticide registered for use by the EPA, I should be able to utilize that option if no other options produce similar results.

Approving SB443 will adversely affect the economy in the state and have a detrimental effect to the quality of school grounds, athletic fields, parks, and municipal greens in the state.

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